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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR 1.53(b) are the specification and claims of the nonprovisional patent application of:

Toshifumi TOGASHI \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Inventor(s)

A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE FORMING  
AND EFFECTIVELY PERFORMING SHEET FEEDING

Title of Invention

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. ☒ Specification (total pages 70 including:
  - a. 19 pages of claims (64 claims)
  - b. 1 page(s) Abstract
2. ☒ 36 sheets of ☒ informal ☐ formal drawings (Figs. 1-55)
3. ☒ Oath or declaration of Applicant(s) ( 3 total pages)
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original)
  - b. ☒ Unexecuted
  - c. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Item 14 completed)
4. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. ☐ Incorporation By Reference  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied in item 3b is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

## APPLICATION PARTS ENCLOSED:

7. ☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ (cover sheet & document(s))
8. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)
9. ☒ Power of Attorney
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10. \_\_\_ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449

\_\_\_ Copies of IDS Citations

11. \_\_\_ A Preliminary Amendment

12. X Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

13. \_\_\_ Applicant(s) hereby establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27

14. \_\_\_ If a Continuing Application, check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation of prior application No.: \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

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15. \_\_\_ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line of page one: --This is a \_\_\_ continuation  
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16. X Priority of application Nos. 2000-239871, 2000-299245, 2000-405063, 2001-079040, and 2001-142313 filed in Japan on 08/08/00, 09/29/00, 12/29/00, 03/19/01 and 05/11/01. Applicant hereby claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

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17. \_\_\_ Other (identify) \_\_\_\_\_


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